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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SF (SOBUKWE, ROBERT)

SUBJECT: CONDOLENCE MESSAGE TO MRS. SOBUKWE

1. PLEASE DELIVER TO MRS. SOBUKWE THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE  
FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE:

2. QUOTE DEAR MRS. SOBUKWE, IN THIS TIME OF SADNESS  
FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN I WISH TO EXTEND MY SINCERE  
CONDOLENCES, AND THOSE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT,  
ON THE PASSING OF YOUR HUSBAND, ROBERT SOBUKWE.

QUOTE HE SUFFERED GREATLY BECAUSE OF HIS BELIEFS. HOW-  
EVER, IMPRISONMENT, BANNING AND ILL HEALTH WERE NOT  
SUFFICIENT TO BREAK HIS INDOMITABLE SPIRIT OR DESTROY  
HIS VISION OF A UNITED SOUTH AFRICA, FREE OF RACIALISM  
AND OPPRESSION.

QUOTE IT IS THAT SPIRIT AND THAT VISION WHICH FORM ROBERT  
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SOBUKWE'S LEGACY, NOT ONLY TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA,  
BUT TO MEN OF GOODWILL EVERYWHERE WHO BATTLE INJUSTICE  
IN THE NAME OF HUMANITY. THE MEMORY OF ROBERT SOBUKWE  
WILL GIVE FORTITUDE TO THOSE WHO MIGHT FALTER, SPIRIT  
TO THOSE WHO MIGHT DESPAIR, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY,  
KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY TO THOSE EMBITTERED BY TEMPORARY

DEFEATS IN WHAT MUST BE THE INEXORABLE PROGRESS TOWARD  
THE ATTAINMENT OF HUMAN DIGNITY AND JUSTICE. SIGNED  
RICHARD M. MOOSE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE UNQUOTE.  
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